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PRIME MINISTER KHUKRIT PRAMOT HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE MARCH
17. FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL USIS TRANSLATION OF HIS
REMARKS ON THE CHINESE IRREGULAR FORCES IN THAILAND:

REPORTER: WILL ANY OBSTACLES BE FACED IN REGARD TO THE
WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS?

KHUKRIT: THERE WILL MOST PROBABLY BE SOME OBSTACLES, BUT
NEGOTIATIONS WILL HAVE TO BE HELD TO OVERCOME THEM. I AM
NOT ABLE TO SPECULATE ON THE EXTENT OF DIFFICULTIES TO BE
FACED. IN REGARD TO REMNANTS OF THE KMT 93RD ARMY, A SURVEY
WILL HAVE TO BE MADE TO DETERMINE HOW MANY OF THEM ARE STILL
SOLDIERS, WHETHER ANY OF THEM HAVE BECOME THAI WHILE STILL
BEING SOLDIERS, HOW MANY OF THEM HAVE MARRIED THAI WOMEN,
ETC. ALL THESE DETAILS MUST BE COLLECTED
AND COMPILED IN FULL, OTHERWISE HARDSHIP MIGHT BE CAUSED
TO SOME OF OUR OWN THAI. FOR INSTANCE, SUPPOSE A THAI WOMAN
IS MARRIED TO A SOLDIER OF THIS KMT 93RD ARMY, THEN SHOULD HER
HUSBAND BE WITHDRAWN, LEAVING HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN HERE
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WITH NOBODY TO CARE FOR THEM THEY WOULD SUFFER GREAT HARDSHIPS.

BUT WHAT IS CERTAIN IS THAT ALL THEIR WEAPONS MUST BE COLLECTED
AND TAKEN AWAY, BECAUSE BEING A SOLDIER DEPENDS ON THE POSSESSION
OF WEAPONS.
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